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IN THE REALM OF STAMPS

South American Indian Legend Inspires a Colombia Issue—Other Philatelic Items

By KENT B. STILES

A LITTLE-KNOWN legend dating from the era before the Spanish conquistadors vanquished the peoples of eastern and southern South America will be given philatelic significance when Colombian Republic shortly 'leases a series of stamps commorating the founding of Bothe republic's capital city, by ' Jiménez de Quesada, four ago.

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del Arco, one of the city's ancient streets; 10c, Capilla del Rosario (Little Church of the Rosary); 15c, Santo Domingo, once a convent and now Bogotá's general postoffice; 50c, the first mass celebrated in Bogotá, and 1 peso, the municipality's coat of arms.

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Six First-Flight Covers

The first regular air mail service over the route of the Pacific Alaska Airways (a Pan American Airways subsidiary), from Juneau to Fairbanks, Alaska, by way of White Horse, Yukon Territory, Canada, will be inaugurated on May 3. This will be Alaska's first foreign air mail service.

The northward journey on May 3 and the first southbound one, on May 8, will provide collectors with six first-flight covers—from Juneau to White Horse, Juneau to Fairbanks, White Horse to Fairbanks, White Horse to Juneau, Fairbanks

San Marino, for President Lincoln.

Lincoln on Foreign Stamp

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U. S. and Lincoln Honored In 2 New Foreign Issues

The United States and Abraham Lincoln are honored in two issues of foreign postage stamps received here last week.

The long-awaited issue of Salvador commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States has arrived. There are two

Courtesy Eugene Klein

Salvador stamp honoring U. S. Constitution anniversary, Peru issue for unemployed and Ecuador postage commemorating Social Security.

stamps in the set, an 8 centavos, blue, regular postage and a 30 centavos, sepia air mail stamp.

These two stamps are beautifully printed and show the flags of the United States and Salvador in natural colors and between them is a book with the inscription "Political Constitution of the United States."

MAP IN BACKGROUND

The background shows a map of the United States and Central America, with the Republic of Salvador marked on the map. The background below shows mountainous country. The air post stamp shows the latest type airplane in flight.

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Courtesy Gimbel Brothers

Republic of San Marino miniature sheets honor Abraham Lincoln.

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Lincoln On Stamps

WHEN Abraham Lincoln died it was said he belonged to the ages. Considering the great esteem in which he is held today by lands other than his own, this estimate of the Great Emancipator seems more true than ever. In many countries statues of the Civil War president appear in public places, avenues are named after him, and prominent space is devoted to his works in the libraries.

Going even further, a number of nations have honored Lincoln by printing his visage on their postage stamps. Constituting some sort of official endorsement, publication of a postal portrait apparently signifies admiration for Lincoln ideals. Such is the case of Indonesia. For many of that country's leaders, Lincoln was an inspiration in the recent revolution that gained the Asian nation its independence.

For tiny San Marino, on the other hand, the stamp issue came in conjunction with the dedication of a bust of the president there in 1937. To many observers this was considered a neat thrust by the little republic, entirely surrounded by Italian territory, against Mussolini's fascism. In yet another instance, Lincoln came to grace the stamps of the equally small principality of Monaco in commemoration of the International Philatelic Exhibition, held in New York last year. Regardless of the reason, the issue of Lincoln stamps adds to the worldwide recognition given to our 16th President.

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SAN MARINO. Commemorating dedication of Lincoln statue in 1937, miniature Republic of San Marino on the Italian peninsula features bust of Lincoln on stamp.

INDONESIA. One of a set of 25, this stamp features Lincoln and former premier and revolutionary, Mohammed Hatt of Asian republic.

MONACO. In conjunction with the International Philatelic Exhibition in 1956, Monaco issued this stamp.

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Tiny Republic Inside Italy Honors Abraham Lincoln

By Associated Press.

San Marino, Republic of San Marino, Sept. 3.—San Marino, 36-square mile republic surrounded by Fascist Italy, today unveiled a bronze bust of its honorary citizen, Abraham Lincoln.

San Marino, proud in the contention it is the world's oldest continuous republic, dates its liberal form of government back six centuries.

John Putnam, United States consul at Florence and the United States representative to San Marino, delivered a short speech at the ceremony.

"The action of the grand council in conferring citizenship of San Marino on the president of the United States pro tempore in October, 1860, as communicated to President Lincoln in March, 1861, creates a bond of friendship between our two countries which must cause sincerest gratification to every American."